
City Council Regular Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Development Services
FROM: Tony McIlwain, Development Services Director
MEETING: September 18, 2023

SUBJECT:

Hold a public hearing and consider approval of an ordinance adopting the 2021 editions of the International Building Code, the International Residential Code, the International Plumbing Code, the International Mechanical Code, the International Fuel Gas Code, the International Energy Conservation Code, the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code, the International existing Building Code and local amendments thereto; adopting the 2020 edition of the National Electric Code and local amendments. (First Reading) *(Staff Presenter: Tony D. McIlwain, Development Services Director)*

SUMMARY:

The City of Burleson has adopted model codes from the International Code Council (ICC), with local amendments, as the construction codes for the City since adopting the 2000 editions on December 27, 2001. These model codes are reviewed and updated annually through a national code adoption process. Every three years these changes are codified and published for local adoption. The 2015 edition of the ICC codes were adopted on March 3, 2019.

Staff has reviewed the 2021 edition of the ICC Codes and the 2020 edition of the National Electric Code, published by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), along with recommended regional amendments published by the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) and has determined the need to update the currently adopted version of the building codes. Staff has sent copies of the proposed amendments and notifications to stakeholders in our community in February 2023 and again in July 2023. A roundtable meeting was held on August 17, 2023 to discuss the proposed update and provide feedback directly from stakeholders.

The adopted building codes play a crucial role in the Insurance Services Office (ISO) Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS). The community is assigned a score between 1 and 10, with lower numbers indicating a better score. High ISO scores can increase home insurance rates in the community, whereas a lower rating could provide a discount on insurance premiums for citizens and businesses within the city. If our adopted building codes are more than five years behind the most recent published codes, the BCEGS ratings for 1 & 2 family dwellings could change from 5 to 9. The 2021 edition of the ICC Codes is the most current published edition.

An overview of the proposed Codes updates were presented at the Developer's Roundtable meeting on August 17, 2023. Staff also emailed the proposed updates to various stakeholders in the construction community. Staff has received no objections to proposed changes.

OPTIONS:

- 1) Approve the ordinance as presented
- 2) Approve the ordinance with changes
- 3) Deny the ordinance

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the ordinance.

PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):

- Copies of the proposed amendments were provided to stakeholders in February 2023 and July 2023.
- Roundtable meeting held on August 17, 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

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